

Message

From: Proto, Paul [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E9B2E837D7ED4826B3AC421843833318-PPROTO]
Sent: 4/18/2022 1:34:27 PM
To: Nichols, Miranda (MPCA) [miranda.nichols@state.mn.us]
Subject: RE: Are you free to talk 4/18 to 4/22?

Hi Miranda,

Could we do Tuesday (4/19) at 10:30 AM CT? Is that time still good for your availability? If yes, let me know and I will send a meeting invitation.

I have the MN 303(d) tribal consultation today at 12:00 PM and need to be available in the hour or two leading up to it to put out any last minute fires prior to the start of the call.

Thanks for the quick explanation too. I figured there was an explanation to this. We can talk more tomorrow about this.

Have a good morning,

Paul

Paul Proto | Environmental Scientist | U.S. EPA, Region 5, Water Division, Watersheds & Wetlands Branch
77 W. Jackson Blvd., WW-16J | Chicago, IL 60604 | 312-353-8657 (Office) | proto.paul@epa.gov

From: Nichols, Miranda (MPCA) <miranda.nichols@state.mn.us>
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 5:53 PM
To: Proto, Paul <proto.paul@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Are you free to talk 4/18 to 4/22?

Hi, Paul,

I am not surprised because I heard for mo this that Prairie Island was going to submit public comments but then they never did. The short answer: our WQS are not appropriate for these floodplain lakes. In MN Rule 7050 it's clear TSS WQS applies to rivers. In our lake eutrophication SONAR we say there are many types on lakes that won't "fit" the criteria, including lakes with a low retention time.

But let's definitely talk. Tomorrow and Tuesday 10:30-11:30 is good. Wednesday is pretty much open at this time. Let me know what works for you.

Miranda

From: Proto, Paul <proto.paul@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Nichols, Miranda (MPCA) <miranda.nichols@state.mn.us>
Subject: Are you free to talk 4/18 to 4/22?

This message may be from an external email source.

Do not select links or open attachments unless verified. Report all suspicious emails to Minnesota IT Services Security Operations Center.

Hi Miranda,

Hope you are doing well and your detail has been a good experience so far.

Could I bother you and ask you some 303(d) related questions?

I received this comment from Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC) during our tribal consultation and wanted to follow up with you on it.

From what I can gather, PIIC is interested in MPCA listing waters or at least understanding why MPCA hasn't listed the waters below. They have provided data (attached spreadsheets) to EPA and this data is also data which was submitted to WQX.

Sturgeon Lake (25-0017-01) :	For TP and TSS impairments
North Lake (25-0017-04):	For TP and TSS impairments
Clear Lake (25-0019-00):	For TP and TSS impairments
Goose Lake (25-0005-00):	For TP and TSS impairments
Vermillion River (07040001-504):	For TP impairments (Looks like turbidity is a Cat4A)

Let me know if there is a time next week which we can talk.

Paul

**Paul Proto | Environmental Scientist | U.S. EPA, Region 5, Water Division, Watersheds & Wetlands Branch
77 W. Jackson Blvd., WW-16J | Chicago, IL 60604 | 312-353-8657 (Office) | proto.paul@epa.gov**

NOTICE: This email (including attachments) is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2521. This email may be confidential and may be legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any retention, dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. Please reply back to the sender that you have received this message in error, then delete it. Thank you